



## **TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**

Finance & Budget Committee  
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312  
February 14, 2018  
8:00 AM

### **Attendance**

Shari Cantor, Mayor (Chair)  
Chris Barnes  
Leon Davidoff  
Dallas Dodge  
Mary Fay  
Liam Sweeney (by phone)  
Ben Wenograd

### **Staff**

Kimberly Boneham, Corporation Counsel  
Garmon Newsom, Corporation Counsel  
Peter Privitera, Director of Finance

### **Members of the Public**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Cantor called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Minutes from the January meeting and committee dates were acknowledged.

#### **2. Staff Reports**

Mr. Privitera reported on the status of ongoing budget meetings with department heads. Next week will consist of follow up with staff ahead of the budget presentation.

#### **3. Business Items**

a. **Settlement of Tax Appeals**

Corporation Counsel presented 11 residential and commercial tax appeal cases to the committee for approval. The committee approved all cases.

b. **Governor's Proposed FY19 State Budget Adjustments**

Mr. Privitera discussed the Town's budget in response to the recent governor's FY19 proposal. West Hartford will see an increase in ECS grant funds and a decrease in municipal grants and pilots. The Town will be losing approximately 4.3 million in state aid over the last two years, if the proposed budget is passed. It is the practice of the Town to go with the governor's proposal.

c. **Projected FY 2018 Operating Results as of December 31, 2017**

Mr. Privitera stated there have been no significant changes since the last operating results report. The Town still has an anticipated \$3.1 million dollar operating surplus. There has been a release of some department funds previously reserved at the direction of the Town Manager on an as needed or requested basis. Public Works has expended its snow budget by 65%. The Town is picking up more savings from the Board of Education as a result of salary saving.

4. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 AM.